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And he who squanders all his time must pay
The bitter penalty. Do we not see
How swift the hours and years are slipping by
We win life's battle must be fought and won
How can we waste a moment, you and I,
When so much lies before us yet undone?
What might have been will pass beyond our ken
If we neglect her, for on golden wing
She quickly leaves us desolate and then
Our faults and failings only sorrow bring.
—Good Housekeeping.

IN THE APPLE ORCHARD

How a Professor Made Love and a Mistake at the Same Time.

Fedora, in her long, white apron and big sun hat, color box and palette in hand, sauntered out into the orchard and sat down under the shade of an apple tree. A light breeze stirred the boughs, on which the sunlight gleamed in great gold patches, and countless song birds darted from limb to limb, making the air vocal with their music.

One plump, red breasted fellow perched himself directly in front of Fedora and with head on one side regarded her intently.

The girl returned his gaze first with amusement, then with interest and finally with sudden inspiration. She selected a crayon from her box and dexterously jotted down a few outlines. Then she consulted the bright bits of color she had placed on her palette and with a sweep here and there of her long paint brush transferred the nucleus of her small feathered observer to a sketch card. She held it up to the light and looked at it critically for a moment, then laid it on the long grass beside her and leaned back against the trunk of the tree, her hands crossed loosely behind her head, her eyes resting in dreamy contemplation on the gleaming fields beyond. Above her the faint rustling of the wind in the leaves drowned the silence. Presently a shadow fell across the glimmering sunlight. Fedora glanced up and a faint color tinged her cheeks. It was the professor.

"If you are too busy"— he began, looking down at her a little dubiously.

"Oh, no," she broke in quickly, smiling up at him as she spoke. "I am never busy." Fedora prided herself upon that accomplishment. "To sit down," she went on, with a bright look, pointing to the grassy plot opposite her. The professor hesitated for a moment, then suddenly complied with the request.

"A nice day," he remarked carelessly as he sat down.

"Charming," returned Fedora, surveying him, with a smile. It had suddenly dawned upon her that the professor was a singularly good looking man to be so old—almost 40. And in spite of his two-score years she found herself looking with approval, almost admiration, into his deep, clear eyes, above which the thick masses of brown hair waved back from an intellectual forehead. (All professors have intellectual foreheads.)

"I don't like to interrupt you," he said, with a doubtful glance at the incipient sketch and Fedora's small paint stained fingers, "but there is something I wanted to say," he went on, tugging at his watch chain.

"Really?" She gave a little cough and turned her eyes expectantly upon him.

"It's—it's important," faltered the professor awkwardly, meeting her gaze.

Fedora broke into a little soft laugh, and two dimples came into her face.

"What's the matter?" he said, looking at her in astonishment, a suspicion arising in his mind that he was being treated with unnecessary levity.

"You looked so—so serious," she replied, with such a charming little grimace and a look so profoundly innocent that the professor immediately dismissed his suspicion as unworthy.

"If you don't mind, though," he pursued, a little uneasily, his eyes on her face, "I would rather you would not—that you would be a little serious."

"Yes, certainly," assented Fedora, with alacrity, pulling a straight face, but with a glimmer of a smile showing about her mouth. Then the professor cleared his throat and went on with a slight hesitation:

"I have a proposition." He stopped short and looked at her in a helpless sort of way.

"Ah, I see!" she exclaimed, with a merry laugh. "And you want the—hypothesis?"

"Precisely so," returned the professor, his face brightening. He thought that his task would not be a difficult one with such an appreciative young woman.

"And now to the point," he continued, giving her a serious look.

"A point indicates more position and has no magnitude," interposed Fedora flippantly.

"I suppose not," replied the professor with slight sternness. "But it is not a problem in geometry this time," he concluded, the glint of a smile hovering about his lips, his voice calm.

"Oh!" exclaimed the girl with, wide eyes, as she folded both hands in her lap and fixed upon him a look of grave attention.

He shifted his position a little, pulled at a tuft of grass, then looked across at her with sudden resolution and spoke. "Suppose—that—a—man"—

The professor stopped short and cleared his throat again in a disconcerted sort of way.

Fedora met his gaze with a mischievous smile and chewed the end of her long paint brush.

"Well?" she said, dropping her chin into one small hand.

"That a man is"—

"Yes?"

"Well—in love, you know," he blurted out in desperation, flushing to the brim of his scholarly hat.

Fedora's face was suffused with sudden color, and she gave an inarticulate little murmur quite beyond interpretation.

There was an interval, during which neither spoke for several minutes. The professor was the first to break the pause.

"Madly, terribly, foolishly in love," he said, emphasizing the last adverb as though it included the sum total of human imbecility. Fedora shot at him a glance of bewilderment.

"To think," she said, making a mental observation, "that he could be so violent."

There was another pause. She dug one dainty hand into the soft turf and looked at him shyly out of the corner of her eye. The professor spoke again.

"What do you think of it?" he asked abruptly, his gaze resting upon her face with suppressed eagerness.

"I—don't know." She said it slowly and blushed as she spoke. A mingled expression of doubt and perplexity became visible on the professor's face as he waited for her to go on.

But Fedora remained silent, her eyes resting dreamily upon a dense white cloud drifting across the horizon.

The situation was growing awkward. The professor felt that his grasp was slipping away from him and went on, a little anxiously:

"You know about such things—girls generally do. Tell me—what shall I do?"

He toyed nervously with a dead twig as he spoke and searched her face narrowly for encouragement.

Fedora reflected for a moment, then nodded with decision.

"It depends," she said dryly, fixing her eyes upon his with a serious look.

"Yes?" The professor turned to her with a quick smile.

Fedora pondered again, then dropped her eyes half timidly and twisted the corner of her handkerchief.

"On the other one, you know—the girl," she went on, with a soft blush.

The professor gazed at her in silence, his kind eyes full of perplexity.

"Does she—care for you?" asked Fedora in a low voice, looking away.

"That's precisely the point," said he, pushing back his hat. "I want to find out."

"Is she pretty?"

"Beautiful!" replied the professor, with enthusiasm. "She has the most magnificent brown eyes in the world and hair—how do they say in novels—like spun gold, that's it," he concluded impulsively, his eyes aglow.

Fedora's cerulean orbs were suddenly misty, and her dusky brown head was averted.

There was silence for a few moments. After a little she leaned forward to pick a flower, her heart throbbing violently, and the color faded from her face.

The professor drew a long breath and sighed. "She doesn't give me any encouragement," he ventured, regarding her with a questioning, half wistful look.

"Perhaps," said Fedora faintly, as if to herself, "she cares for some one else."

The professor stared at her in consternation.

"I never thought of—that," he said slowly, dismay stealing into his tones, as his eyes sought hers with an intense look as though searching her inmost soul.

The pause that followed was unbroken for some moments. Finally he spoke.

"I hope you have not made a mistake," he said, rising to go. "Because it means so much to me—everything." He was looking down upon her, and there was something in his eyes she had never seen there before.

"There is only one way—to find out," she said speaking heroically, but with a dreary little smile.

The professor's face brightened. "Well?" said he, almost holding his breath.

The girl did not immediately reply. Something seemed to clutch at her throat.

Presently she lifted her eyes—suspiciously bright to his and said slowly, her voice half tremulous:

"Just tell her—in a straightforward, manly way that you love her and want a serious answer."

She dropped her eyes suddenly as she encountered his look—not easy to evade.

There was an humiliable stillness. Fedora was looking away like one in a dream, her hands lying cold and passive in her lap.

The sun shone directly about her red brown head in a shimmering rainbow.

The professor looked across at her, his eyes full of unexpected admiration, his hands knotted close together.

After awhile he leaned suddenly toward her and with a quick movement seized both her hands in his own.

"Fedora, I love you. Will you marry me?"

The girl gave him a swift, startled glance, and the color flamed to her cheeks, while the tears and smiles struggled for mastery.

"But but my hair is not gold," she exclaimed, with a puzzled little laugh, looking shyly at him, "and my eyes are—blue."

"And mine," said he, taking her in his arms, "are color blind."—Chicago News.

Nast, Cowling and Curtis.

It is to be suspected that some of Tom Nast's wittiest work with his marvelous pencil was "printed, not published" was intended simply to gratify his friends and never met the eyes of the general public. Not long ago, in looking over the album of a lady who for years was a social leader at Washington, I came across a contribution of Nast's which was as effective in its way as any of the cartoons which have made his name famous.

He wanted to impress upon the lady that Washington life had been too much for him and did so by drawing a capital full length picture of himself as he appeared walking along the avenue. What gave the picture point and rendered it irresistible was the fact that the back of his head was where his face ought to be—in other words, Washington had turned his head.

I suppose the politicians still recall Roscoe Conkling's famous allusion to the great cartoonist in his Rochester speech "dedicated" to George William Curtis. Mr. Curtis at the time was the editor of Harper's Weekly, a position which he had held for many years. In the course of his philippic Mr. Conkling took occasion to refer to The Weekly, and, although Mr. Curtis sat listening to him, he described it simply as "the paper made famous by the pencil of Nast."—New York Mail and Express.

Tragedies of the Grand Canyon.

Tragic stories are told of men who have lost their lives in the search for precious metals which may lie hidden or uncovered, says Harriet Monroe in The Atlantic. The great primeval flood cut its broad V through all the strata of rock, with all their veins of metallic ore, down to the earliest shapeless mass, leaving in its wake the terraced temples and towers which seem to have been planned by some architect of divinest genius to guard their inaccessible treasures till the end of time. And the river, rising far to the north among mountains rich in mineral, has been washing for ages the sands away and depositing thus gold and silver and lead in the still crevices of the inaccessible chasm.

Here the earth laughs at her human master and bids him find her wealth if he dare and bear it away if he can. A young Californian who accepted the challenge and set forth upon the turgid water to sift its sands for gold never emerged with his hapless men to tell the story of his search. Only near the brink of the cleft are a few miners burrowing for copper and sending their ore up to the rim on the backs of hardy burros, as who should prick the mountain with a pin or measure the ocean with a cup.

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EVEN SUPPOSE.

Even suppose that I could forget
What you were, I should know you yet;
Even suppose (and my hope is this)
That, bathed in the tides of an opiate bliss,
Your face has lost, through those cloudless years,
The lines of trouble, the stain of tears,
I shall see it then, as I see it yet,
Even suppose that I could forget.

Even suppose I might choose to be
Friend of an angel, it seems to me
Heart's choice is once, though the flesh forget.
Not knowing why, I should choose you yet,
Even suppose that I could forget.

What will it be that will make you known?
I claimed you once; you are still my own,
A kiss, perhaps, that I left on your cheek—
Where all is spirit, will kisses speak?
Dead or living, I love you yet,
Even suppose that I could forget.
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One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin.

By W. R. ROSE.

He hadn't slept soundly. He rarely slept soundly now. It wasn't his age, surely, he was only 57; and it couldn't be his business affairs, for all his investments were sound and highly remunerative, and his large income was rapidly increasing. No, he must look for the cause elsewhere. Perhaps it would be well to consult a doctor.

He arose and, lighting the gas, looked at his watch. It was half past 4. He went to a window that faced the east and raised the sash. The air came in cool and fragrant. Low down by the faraway ridge streaks of pale light were showing.

"I'll see this sunrise," said Amos Brandon. "I haven't seen one since I was a boy." He hastily dressed himself and bathed his face and hands. "I'll see it from the outside," he added, and softly creeping down the stairway found his hat and opening the great door descended the stone steps that led to the street.

As he faced the east and moved slowly along the avenue he snuffed the air and found it good. He even took off his hat and let it cool his head.

"It certainly seems to me that this is better than tossing on that comfortless mattress," he muttered. "Wonder why I never thought of it before?"

The pale streaks in the east grew broader, a pink flush rose behind the wooded crest, the clouds became hazy. Swiftly the flush deepened, spokes of light were flung upward, and then came the sun.

Amos Brandon walked slowly onward, eagerly watching these magic changes.

"Oh," he said, "that's fine. It's worth the trouble. How many people know anything about it? Precious few. Look at the present audience. One restless, lonely old man and a night watchman or two. What a shame!"

He came to a street intersection and paused and looked at his watch.

"Quarter after 5," he muttered. "No, I'll not go home. I feel like a runaway boy. I'll stroll down to the lake. I don't believe I've really seen the lake in a dozen years."

He walked at a leisurely gait, breathing in the toniely air and ever and anon turning his gaze on the sun tinted clouds. His eyes were brighter and his step more elastic. He seemed to grow younger as he advanced. Laboring men, swinging their dinner boxes, looked around as they passed him. His was an unusual figure at that early hour. Once he heard a man repeat his name to his companions, and they all stared curiously at him as they passed.

As he came within sight of the lake's blue ripples a girl came across the avenue and turned in on the sidewalk just ahead of him. She was a girl of perhaps 14, rather slender, with a clear olive complexion and thick dark hair. She was neatly dressed, save her shoes, which were dingy and frayed, and in her hand she carried a basket whose contents were concealed beneath a white paper. Amos Brandon quickened his steps a little.

"You are an early riser," he said to the girl. At the moment he was interested in early risers.

"Yes, sir," said the girl, who showed no surprise at his abrupt remark, "I have to rise early to carry my father's breakfast to him. He's a helper at the mills over there." She pointed to a long row of dingy buildings not far ahead.

She spoke well and with a lack of constraint that the old man admired.

"Why doesn't your father come home to his breakfast?" he asked.

"He goes to work at midnight and quits at noon," she answered.

"And how far do you come?"

"About a mile and a half."

She gave him a little nod and turned to cross a vacant field that would save her a few steps. Amos watched her for a moment as she sturdily stepped forward.

"A good little woman, and her father should be proud of her. I hope he is." He sighed softly as he plodded on.

He enjoyed the lake with its dimply surface, and the swash of the little waves as they struck the piling, and the black banner of smoke trailing after a faraway steamer. Presently he turned and strolled over toward the iron mills. Almost in a moment he came upon the girl of the lunch basket. She was sitting on a low pile of boards, and close beside her sat a workingman, bare armed and sinewy; a swarthy man, with small black eyes and a short black beard. He was eating, with evident enjoyment, the breakfast the girl had brought him. Amos Brandon paused at the picture. It pleased him. He nodded smilingly to the girl, who nodded back, and when the swarthy man looked up he nodded to him too. Amos leaned against a pile of lumber.

"Your load will be lighter on the way back," he said to the girl.

"Yes," she answered, "father always has a good appetite."

The swarthy man looked up. He nodded gravely to Amos.

"She good girl," he slowly said. "Come long way."

"Yes," said Amos. "I'm sure she's a good girl."

The swarthy man looked around at the object of his praise. There was fondness in his glance.

"Smart girl, too," he said. "Teacher say smartest girl in English school." He said this with some difficulty, but with evident gratification.

"Oh, father," cried the child, with a swift little blush.

Then the swarthy man's rough voice grew softer.

"She all I got," he said.

"I see," said Amos Brandon.

"Mutter dead, brudder dead, sister dead. Only Lena left." He turned a little and stroked the girl's hand.

Something rose in the rich man's throat, and a mist swam before his eyes.

The swarthy man skillfully looked his child over from hat to shoes. When he reached the shoes, he scowled.

"Bad shoes!" he said. "Bad shoes!"

The girl turned to Amos Brandon.

"Father thinks I should wear my best shoes," she explained. "He doesn't know how fast this walk would wear them out."

"Best shoes," echoed the swarthy man; "yes, yes, best shoes." He looked at Amos Brandon. Then he softly touched the girl's shoulder with a forefinger and struck himself sharply on forearm and chest.

"She what I work for," he smilingly said.

"I must go," remarked Amos Brandon hurriedly. He paused and stepped forward. "I would like to shake hands with you," he said to the swarthy man, who met the advancing fingers with a warm clasp. Amos nodded to the girl and strode away.

There was a cross town car waiting for the signal to start. He caught it and 20 minutes later opened the front door of his home. The housekeeper met him in the hall. Her anxious face cleared.

"Glad you have returned, Mr. Brandon," she said. "We were beginning to worry a little over your unusual absence."

"Out for an early stroll, Mrs. Emerson," he said. "Kindly have breakfast ready in half an hour."

He stepped into the library and opened his desk. For a moment he sat in deep thought. Then he rapidly indited this letter:

"My Dear Mary—I find it is quite impossible to hold out any longer. I am growing old, and I need you, dear child. The door from which I turned you two long, long years ago is open for you and forever. You are all I have in the world, dear. Without you the home is cold and desolate. For what have I been toiling all these years but for you? Come back to me, daughter, and all will be forgiven and forgotten. Tell your husband that a hearty hand-clasp awaits him. Say to him that I confess that I sorely misjudged him.

"Write to me, dear, as soon as you receive this and tell me when to expect you and George. Your affectionate father. AMOS BRANDON."

He looked at the letter when he had finished it and shook his head. Then he carefully read it through. Again he showed his disapproval. After a moment or two he raised the sheet and deliberately tore it to bits of jagged paper and tossed them into the waste basket.

"Pshaw," he smilingly muttered, "that's too slow! I'll hurry down and telegraph Mary that I'm coming for them, and then I'll follow by the first train."

The housekeeper stood in the doorway.

"Breakfast is ready, Mr. Brandon," she announced.

The rich man whirled toward her.

"Mrs. Emerson," he said, "I want you to put Mary's rooms into the nicest possible shape at once."

The housekeeper started.

"Is Miss Mary coming home, sir?" she eagerly asked.

"Yes," said Amos Brandon, "she's coming home." — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A MECHANICAL MARVEL.

What Sixty Miles an Hour Means to the Locomotive.

It all sounds simple in the recital. The wonder of the thing comes into view only when one reflects on the speed and nicety with which cumbrous parts are made to do their duty. The piston and connecting bar of a modern locomotive weigh some 600 pounds. When the speed is 60 miles an hour, these parts travel back and forth five times a second. Ten times a second, at the end of every stroke, the piston head is at rest. It must pass from this condition to a velocity of 1,800 feet per minute in one-twentieth of a second. The drive wheels measure more than a rod at every revolution. But when going 60 miles an hour they must turn more than 300 times a minute.

Sixty miles an hour is the merest commonplace to the mind of the up to date railroad man, but it means other things besides those described that are wonderful to the outsider. It means a steam pressure blow of 20 tons on each piston head every tenth of a second. It means that up in the cab the fireman is throwing into the furnace two-thirds of a ton of coal every hour. No. 999 burns coal faster than ten men can mine it. It means two quarts of oil every hour to keep her journal boxes greased and everything running smoothly. It means that the engine with its half dozen cars and load of human freight is moving through space with twice the power of a shot from a 100 ton gun. It means that the engineer has worked her up to the point where she can use every once of steam, that he is coaxing her as a jockey urges his mount in a fierce race, and yet it means that he is ready at a second's notice to move the reversing lever and apply the airbrakes that will stop the mighty avalanche within the distance that it covers as it stands on the tracks.—Earl W. Mayo in Alnslee's.

WINGS OF THE HONEYBEE.

Microscopic View of One of Nature's Wonderful Schemes.

At a meeting of the New York Microscopical society the president of the organization exhibited, besides other things, the honeybee's wing, showing the hooklets by means of which the lower of the two wings of the bee is joined to the upper wing in flying, thus making them practically a single wing. The upper of the two wings is about half an inch in length, the lower a little shorter. The wings come together where they are joined to the body; they are otherwise separate. When the bee goes into its hive, it folds its wings together, one leaf over the other, so that they will take up less room. When it goes abroad, it spreads its wings and couples them together with the hooks.

When looked at under the microscope, the upper edge of the lower wing is seen to be re-enforced as though it had an extra plate or rib stretched along there, and to this rib, spaced apart at regular intervals, though they are all contained within a total space of little more than a quarter of an inch, there are attached 20 or 20 tiny, bony hooks. There is a little thickening at the base of each hook, where nature has strengthened it, and one is inclined to regard the hooks as inset separately and to look for the rivets wherewith they were secured to the plate or rib from which they spring.

The lower edge of the upper wing, as looked at under the microscope, is seen to be curled up into a flange or trough. When the bee comes out of the hive, it hooks the hooks on the upper edge of the lower wing into that flange or trough at the lower edge of the upper wing and so makes the two wings practically one.—New York Sun.

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MR. JOSH SIMPKINS ON ETIQUETTE.

I've studied up on etiquette,
Read every book that I could get,
And yet
There isn't one in all the lot
That tells a fellow it is not
Be thicker to eat pie
For breakfast; hence, why shouldn't I?
And, furthermore, I cannot find
In all the books I call to mind
A single line
That gives a reason worth a whoop
Against a second plate of soup
When fellers dine,
And as for eating marrowfats
Without a spoon I think that that's
A fool—
Ish sort of rule.
When I eat peas,
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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The MINER is authorized to announce the name of W. P. Beckwith of Farmers Valley as a candidate for supervisor of Keating township, subject to the decision of the Republican caucus.

GENERAL WHITE has telegraphed that he can hold Ladysmith. Well, if she is good looking who wouldn't?

THE New York World says that it will cost the commonwealth over $20,000, besides expenses, to pay the writing expert witnesses in the Molineux poisoning case.

W. C. WATSON of Warren has announced himself as a candidate for delegate to the next Republican national convention from this congressional district.

IN 1896 it was promised that in the event of McKinley's election the rail road from Hazelhurst to Smethport would be built, and also that we would have a glass factory. The railroad has not only been built from Hazelhurst, but is continuing on and promises to be of inestimable benefit to Smethport. As to glass factories well, you all know about that. Who can say that Republican promises are not fulfilled?

QUAY, who was pleading poverty a few weeks ago, in order to create sympathy with the United States Senators and thus gain their votes to seat him in the senate on the governor's appointment, has just purchased a fine homestead in Chester county. This is doing remarkably well for a poor man—a home in Beaver, two fine farms in Lancaster county, a mansion in Washington and a fine fishing resort in San Louis, Fla. And now this last purchase discloses the fact that he has good credit if he is poor.

FOR over three months last winter and spring M. S. Quay stood knocking at the legislative halls in Harrisburg seeking re election to the United States senate, but without avail. He now stands at the door of the highest legislative hall in the land, seeking admission as Gov. Stone's appointment. But here he is confronted by the constitutions of the state and nation, his own vote on several similar occasions, besides a strong remonstrance of a large majority of the Pennsylvania legislature. Under such circumstances how can any sane man say that he will be admitted?

THE machine in Philadelphia is putting forth every effort to defeat the renomination of Magistrates Jermon and Eisenbrown, the first a Republican and the latter a Democrat, magistrates who have the courage of their convictions and have dared to discharge their duties as such, regardless of where the blow might strike. If the machine succeeds in defeating these two honorable men for renomination, there will be such a shaking up in the city of brotherly love as it never before experienced. They will run independent and if the ballot box stuffers receive their just dues, Jermon and Eisenbrown will be overwhelmingly elected.

THERE are some lightning changes going on in Philadelphia at the present time. In the 13th precinct of the 7th ward, where Deputy Coroner Sam Salter counted in having 215 fraudulent votes placed in the election box, is a fair example. When the assessor, last September, made his registration he made a return of about 330 names as residing in the precinct. In his December assessment 186 of the 330 have moved away, all inside of three months. But, strange to say, 178 new voters have moved into this precinct. This is one of the many frauds that will be exposed, all devised to cover up machine rascality. The 12th precinct of the 5th ward is a parallel case only of not such gigantic proportions as the first mentioned.

AT least, there is no dispute that the gold plank in the last Republican platform had the correct weight and fineness.—John Smith in Buffalo Express.

There has been a great deal of dispute as to who introduced the gold plank, but what difference does it make who promulgated the idea, so long as it was for the good of the country at large. All straightforward Republicans are for the good of the nation first and the party second, and the sooner the machine is released from petty machine politicians the better it will be for the party. The party in Pennsylvania today is disgraced by one-man power. The greatest Republican state in the union to day finds itself lowered in the estimation of the people of the United States by the system of bossism that has the Keystone state by the throat. Throw off this bondage of bossism and ballot box stuffers

THE MINER is well pleased to state that Sheriff J. F. Davis will be retained by Sheriff elect W. B. Clarke as deputy. Under Sheriff A. B. Walker Mr. Davis, by his gentlemanly conduct, unswerving honesty and integrity, made a host of friends throughout the county which was clearly demonstrated three years afterwards, when he was a candidate for sheriff. His opponent, Mr. Broder was an old Democratic war horse and the strongest man on the Democratic county ticket, yet in spite of all that Mr. Davis had a plurality of 1903 over Mr. Broder, and Mr. Davis ran only 21 votes behind President McKinley in this county. This will make nine years of continual service in the office—six years as deputy and three years as high sheriff. The MINER desires to congratulate both gentlemen who will occupy the sheriff's office for the next three years. The MINER's relations with that office has always been most agreeable. The people of the county can rest assured that they will receive the most courteous treatment by the company.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1899.

Christmas was a quiet day at the White House, owing to the absence of children. The President and Mrs. McKinley had Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley and two of their nieces for guests and a few personal friends were entertained at a family dinner party. One of the things that added to the President's Christmas enjoyment was a cablegram from Gen. Otis announcing that the ports of Luzon would be opened to commerce on the 1st of January. Nothing could have more forcibly told the improved conditions in the Philippines than this official announcement of Gen. Otis. It means that the rebels are no longer strong enough to interfere with commerce, and that the peaceably inclined residents of the islands have resumed their ordinary avocations. Army officers are much pleased with the prompt response to the appeal for funds for the widow and children of the late Gen. Lawton. More than $11,000 has already been received for the fund. It is also pleasing to officers that Mrs. Lawton has chosen Arlington as the final resting place of the remains of Gen. Lawton. While this sort of thing is gratifying to every patriotic American, it means more to army officers, who devote their time and willingly give their lives to the service of the country, than to others. It is an assurance to them that the country appreciates their bravery and devotion.

President McKinley has positively promised Senator Perkins that he will, unless prevented by official duties, accompany the California delegation to congress, to San Francisco to witness the launching of the battleship Ohio, which is being built in that and will be ready for launching in September or October next.

Dr. T. L. Patterson of Lexington, Ky., who is visiting Washington, says he is a Democrat, but not the Goebel kind and that the party will never get back its control of that state with such leaders as Goebel. He doesn't think the Goebel contest before the legislature, will amount to much. He said of it: "It is the last expiring bluff of a defeated candidate. I verily believe that a fair count would have shown that Taylor beat Goebel by 30,000 votes. The legislature, though containing a Democratic majority, is cognizant of this and will not outrage public sentiment by giving the seat to a man who, with all the cheating practiced by his partisans, failed to get a plurality of the votes."

The Navy Department intends to establish a school for studying and experimenting with wireless telegraphy, without regard to the system of Marconi, who charged $10,000 down and 10,000 a year for the use of twenty sets of his instruments for sending and receiving messages. Naval officers consider his charges out of all proportion with the value of such portions of his apparatus as were covered by patent, and that it would be better as well as more economical for the government to go ahead on its own hook. This is on all fours with common sense, as Marconi's system is far from perfect at this time.

New York is fortunate in having two men, either of whom would be perfectly acceptable to the Republican leaders as the nominee for Vice President on the ticket with President McKinley. These two men are Secretary Root and ex Secretary Bliss, both of whom have proved their ability as members of President McKinley's cabinet. Secretary Root had the advantage of being first mentioned for the place at a recent meeting of the Republican national committee, but since Mr. Bliss has been mentioned, the opinion is practically unanimous among prominent Republicans in Washington, including Senator Hanna, who had previously expressed a preference for Secretary Root, that either of them, presented to the Philadelphia convention by the New York delegation could be nominated by acclamation as President McKinley will be. It is the settled purpose of the Republican leaders to have the Vice President nominated by acclamation, and the New York delegation has only to act as a unit to secure the nomination of either of the gentlemen named.

A sub committee remained in Washington to take the testimony of additional witnesses, summoned from Utah in the Roberts case, but so far, the expected witnesses have not reported. The polygamy of Roberts is regarded as having been fully proven by witnesses already heard, and the expectation is that the committee will make its report to the house within a week of the reassembling of congress and that it will be against Roberts.

The Populists are preparing to head off the Democratic movement, led by ex Senator Gorman, to prevent the nomination of Mr. Bryan, by holding a national convention ahead of the Democratic convention, and nominating Mr. Bryan. The so-called silver Republicans are co-operating with the Populists in this move.

THE unfairness of the Quay papers in the state was only too clearly demonstrated last Friday when one of them came out in heavy scare head lines announcing that a "leading anti Quay representative is charged with embezzlement" and prints his picture at the top of the column on the front page. Then it devotes about two columns of space describing this wonderful peculation of $1,200 as deputy tax collector. How eager these machine papers are to secure anything that smatters of wrong against a man who dares to say aught against Quay. If this man is guilty let him be punished to the full extent of the law. The MINER said the same in the case of State Senator William Flinn, but Judge White, one of the most honorable and able jurists in Pittsburg, has decided against the city and Flinn goes free, and that attempted load up by one man power has fallen flat. The chances are that the embezzlement case in Philadelphia will end likewise. On the other hand, the corruption and fraud, disclosed in Philadelphia, since the November election, of repeating, ballot box stuffing and jury bribing of which incontrovertable evidence has been presented these machine papers have been almost as silent as the tomb. When a newspaper becomes so tied down to one man power that it will leave its readers in the dark on matters so important as those disclosed in Philadelphia, it ought to be thrown on the refuse pile without being opened.

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FILIPINO SYMPATHY.

The following letter which was read by Hon. John Barrett, late minister to Siam, before the New England Society in New York City last Friday, seems like a message from the dead. It was a letter received by the speaker from the brave soldier, General H. W. Lawton, written a short time before he was bor down by a Filipino bullet while on the field of battle.

This copperhead sympathy in the United States for the Filipinos has caused the death of many brave soldiers in the United States service. Let them read the words of the brave soldier, Lawton, and then roll-et on what they have done.

The copperhead sympathy in the North, during the civil war, caused the death of hundreds of thousands of brave men on both sides of the question. Will history repeat itself and this uncalled for sympathy in the present war for those who were themselves *the aggressors* continue and cause *our* soldiers to be slaughtered? Read Lawton's letter and cease sympathizing.

"'I would to God that the truth of this whole Philippine situation could be known by everyone in America as I know it. If the real history, inspiration and conditions of this insurrection, and the influences *local and external* that now encourage the enemy, as well as the actual possibilities of these islands and peoples and their relations to this great East, could be understand at home, we would hear no more talk of such a 'shooting of Government' into the Filipinos, or of hauling down our flag in the Philippines. If the so called anti-imperialists would honestly ascertain *the truth on the ground* and not in distant America they, whom I believe to be honest men misinformed, would be convinced of the error of their statements and conclusions and of the unfortunate effect of their publications here.

"'If I am shot by a Filipino bullet it might as well come from one of my own men, because I know from observations confirmed by captured prisoners that the continuance of fighting is chiefly due to reports that are sent out from America.'"

EASY LIFE IN NICARAGUA.

When the Family Is Broke, the Wife Digs a Little Gold.

"When I was in the Olancho district, in Nicaragua," said a visitor who is largely interested in mining in Central America, "I had an opportunity of seeing how the lazy natives up nature's tree when they need some small change.

"Near our camp by the river was a hut occupied by a typical Honduranian family, consisting of husband and wife, grandfather and grandmother and a dozen or so of assorted children. The only one of the crowd who did anything except rest and smoke was the wife. At intervals of perhaps a week she would sally out with the family tin pan, erstwhile used for cooking, and proceed to an old placer digging on the river bank. There she would squat, throw a few goundfuls of dirt into the pan, fill it with water and begin the usual circular motion of gold washing.

"She was very skillful and would keep a little sheet of dirty water spraying over the edge like a miniature cataract. When the water was exhausted, a few spoonfuls of sand would be left in the bottom of the pan, and, spreading it out thin with a bit of stick, she would go over it grain by grain, looking for 'color.' Whenever she saw a speck of gold she moistened the stick on her tongue and picked up the particle by adhesion. Each bit of the precious metal was stored away in a quill, plugged with clay at the ends, and I have known her to take out as much as a quarter of an ounce in the course of one day.

"Usually her limit was about $2, and when she got that she stopped. Then the head of the house would arise languidly and start for the nearest store, 12 miles away. Sometimes he would trade the whole amount for whisky; but, as a rule, he brought back tobacco, salt, meal or calico.

"There are hundreds of native families who live in exactly that manner in Olancho. Sometimes the woman will be lucky enough to strike a rich pocket that will yield a dollar or more a pan, but they never dream of washing it out at once and getting a stake. It simply means that they can secure their usual amount with less work."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

NO "PROPERTY" ESCAPES.

Some Queer Things to Be Seen in a Chicago Theater.

Over the audience rests a settled, immovable stillness, unbroken even by a sigh. No expression referable to sorrow, sympathy, joy or tears lightens the blank, dead wall of the faces. *The Chinaman is impregnable. Only* once do his eyes change, and that is while the property man is on the stage, and he is never off it.

The Chinese property man sees his duty to the management and puts it into practical effect. No "property" shall escape him. He gathers all things by the way. When the Chinese Romeo slays Tybalt, the property man steps on to the stage, gathers up Tybalt's sword, cap and cloak and things and walks off with them. He would enter Macbeth's banquet hall while that weak kneed monarch was exercising Banquo's ghost, gather up the goblets and plates in one arm and Macbeth's chair with the other and carry them away. He would pluck the rose from Elaine's breast; he would take the dagger from Juliet's dead hand; he would interrupt Hamlet's soliloquy in the churchyard with a request for Yorick's skull; and he would interpose in the murder of Desdemona to remove the pillows from her bed.—Saqui Smith in Leslie's Weekly.

London's Great Clock.

Whatever complaints may be made against the tone of Big Ben, the famous London clock—and musicians say it is a terribly bad "E," at any rate—every one will acknowledge that the clock in the house of commons tower is a wonderful timekeeper, not varying a second in time all the year through. The mechanism for setting in motion the massive hammer which brings out the tone of Big Ben's 16 ton bell is very interesting. The striking machinery is driven by weights of about a ton and a half, which hang on a shaft 174 feet deep, and it is so arranged that after the chimes are over the hammer falls on the big bell within one second of Greenwich mean time.

His "Dear Old Jim."

"Corbett is my friend and benefactor," says Mr. Jeffries. "I was once his sparring partner, and he treated me as a gentleman. Hence I have gladly agreed to fight him as a return for favors. I am bound by all the ties of friendship and gratitude to give him a chance to fight me." Was there ever such a touching instance of devotion? Mr. Jeffries will reward his old patron and benefactor by beating him into pulp and knocking his head off. One can fancy him saying, as he puts his terrible right into his friend's ribs, "Dear old Jim!"—Kansas City Star.

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Keeping pace with scientific thought and progress certain problems which in the past have been shelved for want of light being thrown upon them have been taken up again one by one to undergo further examination by the aid of improved science.

The newest revelation in this direction tends to the science of the mind and includes the following problems:

Why does a man act queerly when he is intoxicated?

Why is a man absentminded on occasions?

Why does a man sometimes become violently insane, often a dangerous, raving lunatic?

Such questions as these have puzzled our immediate fathers, who have hardly ever satisfactorily explained them away or indeed thrown much reliable light upon them. The human brain is composed of cells, and each cell is a simple bit of nerve substance, from one end of which, like an octopus, spring a number of tentacles, while from another part arises an arm different from them and of great length. The long arm is intended for transmitting impressions from one portion of the brain system to another, it being made to touch the tentacles or short arms of the next one to it, the latter in its turn effecting contact with a third cell, and so on.

Thus a message is conveyed and the *mind gets its news.* The entire brain is made up of these cells, whose number is legion and whose full strength is grouped in systems, these systems in turn being arranged in communities, the communities in clusters and finally the clusters in constellations, by which divisions they are known to physiologists.

So long as the mind is in a healthy condition each little cell, or brain octopus, attends to its business faithfully and gives no trouble, but as man generally is an animal who usually refuses to live the life spanned out by nature and adopts instead the life laid down by the modern artificial process of living, instituted forsooth by civilization, mental disturbances frequently arise through the brain becoming abused in various ways, from overwork and alcohol principally.

Your octopuslike brain cell is a living little thing, and it can endure a great deal of abuse from you, but if you should go a little too far it rebels and refuses to work any longer by breaking connect with its companion cells, which it can do by withdrawing its long arm and getting itself out of circuit. But this rebellion is conducted by whole groups of cells acting together in full harmony.

Now, the object of this "strike" is simply to avoid overwork, for each tiny cell has stored within its minute space only a certain amount of energy, but if you put on the high pressure this is easily consumed by the operation of the brain, and the organism breaks down from exhaustion. Now, take the first of the problems just stated. When a person takes too much to drink, the cells in those patches of the brain that are responsible for the conduct of muscular movement become affected and the man staggers.

When the dose is very large, the cells, which, although stupefied, have tried to keep their master on his legs, now cease working, and the man sleeps like one dead. Finally, if more than enough of alcoholic drink be taken, the effect on the cells is to paralyze them, and the unfortunate man dies.

There is some relation between extraordinary activity of the mind and insanity. Geniuses are apt to exhibit symptoms of mental alienation, and, singular to relate, their children are usually inferior to those of average men.

For instance, not to go out of England for example, Cromwell was a hypochondriac and had visions, Dean Swift inherited insanity and was himself not a little mad, Shelley was called by his friends "Mad Shelley," Charles Lamb went crazy, Johnson was another hypochondriac, Coleridge was a morbid maniac, Milton was of a morbid turn of mind, nearly approaching insanity (modern ideas of hades are largely formed on the description evolved by his diseased imagination), and Byron said he was visited by ghosts.

This mental alienation occurring in the foregoing cases shows that certain specific groups of brain cells have come under the baneful influence of the guiding spirit called talent or genius, which has used up all the energy stored in each cell and each group of cells, to the detriment of the whole, with the result that their ceasing work has brought about various types of insanity as depicted or, to phrase it more softly, induced disturbance of the mental equilibrium.

The remaining problem is absentmindedness. This is produced by a temporary disjunction of certain groups of cells. A man becomes so absorbed in his study of some particular subject and lends his whole mind to thought that the hard thinking disorganizes the groups of cells employed in the process of reflection, their tentacles being turned all one way, to the detriment of mental action generally, and so the man with the tentacles of his brain cells turned in the one direction passes along the streets lost to all observation or mental reception and does all manner of queer things because he is not conscious of what he is doing.—Pearson's Magazine.

Filial Love.

That's a pathetic story of the Gourdon fishing boat crew. No class of men face death more frequently than the hardy fisher tollers of the sea, and among none is a genuine heroism more frequently displayed.

The Gourdon boat was manned by a father and his four sons. When the boat sank, three of the latter went with her. The old man got an oar, and soon the fourth son appeared by his side. But the oar could only support one, and the lad, taking in the situation at once, bade his parent farewell in the words, "Weel, weel, fatther! I maun jist awa'," and sank.

Only readers familiar with the northern dialect will fully appreciate the depth of kindly resignation and true feeling which the words denote. The father endured terrible sufferings, but was ultimately picked up. "Greater love hath no man than this."—Westminster Gazette.

A Natural Cross.

One of the most beautiful natural rock carvings in the world is the Southern Cross, on the island of Grand Manan, in the bay of Fundy. It stands at the head of a ledge of rocks jutting into the bay from the foot of one of the immense cliffs at the southern end of the Grand Manan. Its shape is that of an almost perfect cross.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says: "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

It takes but a minute to overcome tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. That quickly cures all forms of throat and lung trouble. Harmless and pleasant to take. It prevents consumption. A famous specific for croup and all other ailments. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

LAYING UP A COMPETENCE.

Something That Practically Any Man Can Do Through Self Denial.

"There are some men of genius," said Mr. Nippingly, "who accumulate great fortunes by great strokes, but by far the greater number of fortunes, including those of moderate dimensions, and these form the great majority of all, are made by the very simple process of living within one's income and investing the surplus with more or less wisdom, but always where it will be safe.

"The older I grow the more amazed I am that more people don't lay up a competence for themselves, as most anybody can do, by beginning early in life to live within their income and sticking to that course faithfully. Did I do this myself? No. Am I, however, having learned the wisdom of this course, now making a beginning? I am obliged to say 'No.' I am still spending all I get and laying by nothing.

"There are some lessons that we all easily acquire, but never turn to our own advantage. One of these is of the benefits that arise from the exercise of self denial. We get from this at once the direct benefit of what we save, and self denial nourishes, strengthens and broadens the will and enables a man constantly to do and to earn more and more.

"There's simply nothing like self denial. It is the key to every one of life's treasures, and everybody has one of these golden keys in his possession, eager to help him and waiting only for him to bring it in use."—New York Sun.

An Amazed Woman.

A woman who had an Arabic glass cup of the fourteenth century and did not know its value took it to the British museum. After due consideration the expert, to her surprise, said that, though the museum did not want it, it might be worth $2,000. The woman shuddered, because she had been carrying to a crowded London omnibus a bit of glass worth so much money and it had miraculously escaped smashing.

Finally, wanting money more than Arabian glass, she sent the object to an auctioneer's. Fancy her amazement when, starting at $2,500, the Arabic cup went by leaps and bounds and was finally knocked down for the nice sum of $5,500.

Actually the Arabic cup was worth very much less, but it so happened that there were two rivals at the auction, who bid against each other.—China, Glass and Lamps.

As a cure for rheumatism Chamberlain's Pain Balm is gaining a wide reputation. D. B. Johnson of Richmond, Ind., has been troubled with that ailment since 1862. In speaking of it he says: "I never found anything that would relieve me until I used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts like magic with me. My foot was swollen and paining me very much, but one good application of Pain Balm relieved me." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

The finest of room moulding 50 varities to select from. Call on L. Roesh, Water street.

SMALL AND BIG BOYS'

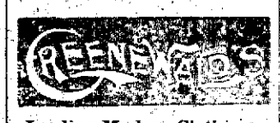
Reefers and Overcoats. Man Styles at Dependable Prices.

Men's Overcoats.

Stylish Top Coats of Handsome Grey Friezes and Coverts, $10 to $20. Other good kinds from $5 upwards. Best values obtainable anywhere.

Holiday Neckwear

Can be selected now—a splendid stock ready to pick from—50 cents to $1.50.



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124 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

Notice of Incorporation.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Friday, January 12th, 1900, by Robert Dowell, Clarence A. Decker, John E. Kinney, E. J. Weeks and J. W. Brigham, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled an act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Smethport Extract Company," the character and object of which is the manufacturing and dealing in tanning extracts and tanning articles, and the buying and selling of commodities from which such tanning extracts and tanning materials are manufactured, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

BOOTH & GALLUP,
Dec. 20th, 1899. Solicitors.

Clerk's Notice in Bankruptcy.

IN THE District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Moses Mussalem of Sheffield, McKean county, Pennsylvania, a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1898, having applied for a full discharge from all debts, provable against his estate under said Act, notice is hereby given that known creditors and other persons in interest, to appear before the said Court at Pittsburg, in said District, on the 15th day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

WILLIAM T. ICHNEY, Clerk.

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Business, Shorthand, and English Courses.

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HEADQUARTERS FOR CARPETS.

CHRISTMAS GOODS
ARE NOW ON SALE.

The showing is very attractive both in price and style. The line of novelties in new pictures at 25c, 29c, 35c, 50c and up contains all the popular subjects.

6 genuine Water Colors 20x24 inch, $4. 6 genuine Water Colors 20x30 inch, $7. These are all framed in best gilt moulding and worth more money.

Large line of subjects, Madonas, St. Cecelias, &c., with square and oval back frames at 29c and 50c. Big line Celluloid pictures with oval brass frames and easel for 25c. New styles in small brass and wood frames, 15c to $3.

We frame pictures to order, any size, shape or style.

The Holiday Furniture will surely interest you. We have all that's new, and our prices are in your favor. Let us suggest a few things:

FOLDING CASES COMBINATION CASES BRASS OR IRON BEDSTEADS
CHAIRS WRITING DESKS ODD DRESSERS
TABLES CHAMBER SUITS PARLOR SUITS
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LEATHER CHAIRS RUGS CARPETS
LEATHER COUCHES WALL PAPERS CARPET SWEEPERS

in fact anything and everything for the home. We carefully pack and pay freight on all goods. It will pay you to come to Olean and trade with us. You can more than save your car fare.

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FOR LADIES
GENTLEMEN
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OL' MAN RACKET
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Chois Bargins for Saturday Only.

10 cakes Santa Claus or Dingman's Gipsy soap for 25c. Parlor matches 10c doz; tha R worth 2-da anywhere 15 & 25c doz.

S-da 1-hr clox $2; thes clox sel on instalment plan at $6; now iz your time. Mrs Potts' sad iron handles 10c, not 25 or 30c as sum of U hav paid; also set Mrs Potts' best nickld sad irons stand and handle $1.15. These same goods will cost U to-day in this town $1.40 & $1.50 set.

Men's extra heavy felts and rubbers $2.25 & $2.75, also 100 pair hand turned shoes slightly soiled made to sel at $2.50 to $3.75, sizes mostly 1 to 3, tha go 2-da at 89c pair—a chans U don't often get. Also 50 pair slippers, small sizes 1 to 3, made 2 sel at $1.25 & $1.75, your chois at 50c pair.

Onions 2-da at 60c bu. Potatoes at 45c bu.

Chois buckwheat flour 3c lb, U al pa 4c, don't U? Snow Bird flour 75c, will make good sweet bread but wil B dark. Also Scouller's Best and Patent, 2 of the best flours made, at $1.15.

Do U need pantz overalls or storm coat? We can sav U money on thes goods. Do U need iron or wood beds, dining room chairs, mattresses or any houshold goods? Giv us a call, we hav only one price for U all.

If U need earthen ware now iz the time 2 buy. Manufacturers advance prices after Jan. 1st.

20c bottles of pickles go at 10c, 10c bottles of catsup 5c, also 10c oil cans for 5c each. 20c bottles bottles of Smith Bros.' best lemon or vanilla xtrax 10c.

Sardines 4c can. 10c bottles of best sowing machine oil go at 5c.

Kum early & avoid the rush. Only 3 of thos $2.50 oil paintings left. Sat. tha go at 75c. 2 larg $6 pictures go at $2 each.

5-inch elbows 5c, 7-inch 10c. Thes goods sells anywher at 25 & 35c. Go devils 2-da 13c lb. Heavy tin wash bilers 90c & $1, best heavy copper $2.45 and $2.65. Nickld T & coffee pots 75c and $1. Tea kettle $1.25. Thez figs R less than U can purchase for in any other place in town. If I did not slash the prices 2 the last cent I would not keep up my reputashun of being the old price fighter Racket. We must hav your trade & cash, & also have U pleased with your purchases. Remember U can get back your cash or exchange on any goods U buy.

Remember we sel the J. B. Lewis shoes, boys', men's and ladies, work & dress shoes, & we do not charg U fancy prices either.

We keep furniture stains and paints, enamels, etc. Also the best hous paints and floor paints.

A. E. STICKLES,

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THE OLD RELIABLE
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Are better prepared than ever to fill your wants in their line. Their stock is full and complete. Their prices at rock bottom.

Do not fail to give them a call.

UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

WE SELL DINNER SETS
BY THE PIECE.

Many of our best dinner sets are now purchased in "open stock" patterns for the convenience of those who wish to buy in installments.

You can get *one piece or a dozen*, and match them at any time. Many of our customers are doing this, and they are gradually completing sets better than they might ever have afforded otherwise. Sets at all prices in this way.

We carry one hundred styles of dinner sets, all sold under warrant not to craze. All Haviland's latest styles are here. All imported china comes to us direct from the makers. In this way we save a large percentage for you.

Dinner Sets from $6.75 to $250.

Housekeepers' Helps.

There is everything here that can help a housekeeper—perhaps a hundred helpful articles that you know nothing about.

The Universal Food Chopper is one—$1.75. It chops all kinds of meat, vegetables or fruit, fine or coarse, without mashing. It does in a minute the work of half an hour with chopping knife and bowl.

Four kinds of enameled ware—Aluminum ware. Every convenience on the market.

Reliable Gas Ranges.

There is no other gas range that even compares with the Reliable. Come and we will show you twenty points in which it excells all others.

We know this range because we have sold it for years—sold hundreds of them. There has never yet been the least complaint on one.

It excells in economy, in convenience, in baking qualities. It is superior at every point which wise buyers consider. We cannot tell you here what we can show you when you come. We can only invite you on the promise that you will be glad you came.

Forty-five styles from $13.50 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,

Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

NEW GOODS
at store of
D. C. YOUNG.

FOR MID-WINTER TRADE.

Please call and examine same, also note reduction in prices of many things preparatory to taking an inventory of stock. . . .

D. C. YOUNG.
SMETHPORT, PA.

H. C. WELLS,

the popular druggist, is at home now in his new and beautiful store, and welcomes his old and new patrons to the

WELLS BLOCK,

where he is dispensing Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles, Stationery, Tobaccos and Cigars of the best qualities. This is a good place to visit while in

Smethport, Penn'a.

STOP! READ! and REFLECT
And then go to
BROWNELL BROTHERS,
Where you will find a carefully and well selected stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
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HATS, CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES.
AND A CHOICE LINE OF THE
FINEST GROCERIES
TO BE FOUND IN TOWN AT
ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES.

New Year's Return Gifts

1/3 OFF.

To wind up our Holiday stock we make the above cut on a few desirable things left over.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes,
Smethport, Pa.
Mail orders carefully executed.

How's Your Frame

of mind concerning portraits? You should preserve your present likeness for coming years, if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at the Parlor Studio.

Have You Any Pictures

That need framing? You can find a full assortment of mouldings, &c., of the latest design here. A neat frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

"IKE" GLEASON. The Photographer.
Smethport, Pa.

THE Big Store,
HAMLIN'S
Hardware & Crockery.

McKean County Miner
Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, PA., THURSDAY, DEC. 28, 1899.

SMETHPORT, PA.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, 60 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 90 miles east from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best hemlock and pine belt in the state.

Cheap Power in vast quantities.

Within six hours' ride of 10,000 unimproved coal lands, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sand stone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone also flagging in abundance which can be quarried cheaply.

Endless quantities of hard wood timber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,000, and is growing rapidly. Has elegant public buildings, school, churches, electric, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the private establishments at the present time are numerous, two large woolen mills, planing mill, carriage, bent stock, barrel, excelsior works, Blackman self-dry sheet-block Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers in the town. Being located 1640 feet above sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the State, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Naranjah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing purposes, along with abundance of water for all purposes.

For further particulars address or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Bring in your job work.

—See Hamlin's Hardware ad.

—Fine job expects to secure a new paper mill.

—Now make preparations to turn over a new leaf.

—William Holden has been appointed postmaster at Portville.

—Mrs. E. M. Kerns has been granted a pension of $12 per month.

—Camp glass works started up at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning.

—Aguinaldo is now a widower, his wife having died a few days since.

—J. Colegrove offers bargains in odds and ends this week. Read the ad.

—Insure your happiness for the coming year by paying your subscription now.

—A large delegation went to Bradford last Thursday night to attend the boxing carnival.

—Rev. C. W. Hamilton will preach at the Baptist parsonage next Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

—Attend the meeting of the Athletic Club at the hose house to-night. Election of officers.

—Christmas proved to be white after all, in spite of the predictions of some of our exchanges.

—The Buffalo Sunday Express for the last two issues before Christmas was exceptionally fine.

—Last Friday Jones & Church had a lot of poultry hanging up in their meat market, and it went like hot cakes.

—Uncle Sam and old Santa Claus had a very busy time during Christmas, but for all that they seemed to enjoy it.

—It is reported that the Olean Street Railway Company will extend their trolley line to Bolivar in the near future.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Cuthers of Crosby are entertaining a little girl baby, who arrived at their home on Sunday last.

—Our pleasant town again presents its natural look, with so many bright young faces home from school for the holidays.

—D. C. Young is in the city this week buying new goods for mid-winter trade. Read his new advertisement and give him a call.

—The story in the last number of Harper's Weekly describing the imaginary capture of Aguinaldo is finely portrayed and is very interesting reading.

—It has been figured out that a snail is much slower than has been supposed. When a snail bumps himself and puts forth his best effort he will cover a mile in fourteen days.

—Last Saturday Stella Estes of East Smethport fell and broke her collar bone. Dr. Ostrander was in attendance.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. advertise a third off on all holiday goods left over. Read their advertisement and call on them.

—Beginning with the new year the MINER will adopt the rule of monthly collections, instead of quarterly for advertising.

—The Smethport Glass Company commenced blowing glass at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, after a few days' shut down.

—Quite a number aroused an acquaintance with Tom and Jerry last Monday, and in consequence suffered by the intercourse.

—An incipient blaze was discovered in the laundry of the Wright House about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was put out without sounding the fire alarm.

—Next Monday the figure eight will drop out of the place it has held for one hundred years, and will not regain its lost position until 1,000 years have passed.

—Remember the Farmers' Institute January 26 and 27. Make preparations to attend and bring your wife and little ones. It will be time and money well invested.

—The Clarion State Normal School affords the best training for teachers. Among the most successful college students have received their preparatory training at Clarion.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bell entertained a large party of young people at whist last Friday evening. An elegant lunch was served and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

—Camp Hose Company's dance at the hose house last Monday night was quite well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves although the night was cold and stormy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mills of Mill street are entertaining a little girl who would have been a Christmas present, but was delayed by the blizzard and did not arrive until Tuesday morning.

—It is reported that R. K. Goulding and Will Collings have purchased the Kane Republican. If such should prove to be the case the MINER desires to offer congratulations to the new firm.

—Last Saturday the carpenters on the Baptist church completed their work. The painters will complete their work ere long. Rev. Ware states that they expect to have the church completed some time in February.

—An exchange says that Chuck Wickers of Sears Point, N. Y., a tough character, experienced religion and made such a confession that himself and relatives were jailed on the charge of robbery. Let the good work go on.

—There were four who appeared at sunrise court on Tuesday morning charged with being drunk and disorderly. Two paid their fines while the other two were sent to the bastile, one for 20 days and the other for 15 hours.

—The P. H. C. elected officers last night. C. M. Colegrove was elected president and Miss Eve Thorn secretary. This society seems to be in a very flourishing condition, as new members are coming in continually.

—Last Saturday at the home of Joe Collins, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., Rev. Dr. T. F. Walker joined in wedlock Mr. J. F. Meyers of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Frances Olson. The young people expect to reside at Coudersport for some time.

—Clark Brothers' machine shops of Belmont, turn out about $250,000 worth of work a year. This year the volume of work will exceed $250,000. The largest casting ever made in their shops weighed sixteen tons.—Bolivar Breeze.

—Miss Genevieve Stevenson has resigned her position in the Smethport schools to accept a similar one at Braddock, Pa. She will depart for there Saturday. The MINER, with a host of friends, wishes her success in this new departure.

—"Q" Man Racket had lots of trouble last Saturday. With the aid of half a dozen clerks he was unable to supply the wants of his many customers. In his new advertisement this week he will create more trouble of the same character.

—It would be difficult to find a happier looking lot of merchants in any town in the land than our own merchants were last Saturday night. It is true they were tired, but trade had been excellent and they were happy. It pays to advertise.

—For the last month every exchange that has come to this office has been trying to cipher out when the 20th century would commence. Like the Yankee, in order to answer the question, the MINER will ask one. When did the first century begin?

—One hundred and sixty-six caskets containing the bodies of the sailors who lost their lives when the battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor on the night of Feb. 15, 1897, will be placed in Arlington cemetery, near Washington, D. C., to-day.

—Scene on an Arlington electric: personage: small boy, portly lady. S. B. (partially sotto voice)—Geel that woman must have swallowed a yeast cake. P. L. (overhearing)—Yes, my boy, and if your mother had taken a yeast cake you would have been better bred.—Boston Transcript.

—List of letters remaining in the Smethport postoffice for the week ending Dec. 23: Mrs. John I. Brickel, Big Canoe; Mrs. Bell Depp, Elmer Lamb, Mgr. Opera House, S. S. Palmer (2), Chas. Witson, Wm. Wable, Mrs. Carrie Walker, Mrs G. L. Whitehead.—Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—John Reggall, who formerly resided here with his son, F. F. Reggall, mention of whose illness was made in last week's MINER, died at the home of his brother, Robert Reggall, at Preble, N. Y., on Tuesday of last week. He leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters, two of whom, Frank and Miss Rose, reside in this place.

—The total number of passengers carried by the railways of the United States last year was 698,342,000. The total number of tons of freight carried during the same time was 942,973,853. There are 184,502 miles of railway in the United States on which are run 33,803 passenger coaches, 1,284,807 freight cars and 36,746 locomotives.

—The great evangelist, D. W. Moody, died at his home at East Northfield, Mass., at noon last Friday at the age of 62 years. The deceased was one of the most wonderful men of the age and undoubtedly has addressed more people than any other man in the world. He commenced his evangelistic work in Chicago in 1856, and for 43 years has faithfully followed the line of duty.

—We have often wondered why it was that as soon as the snow comes, the sidewalks must be given up to skaters and coasters, who soon make them so slippery that pedestrians take their lives in their hands every time they attempt to walk on them. Why this is allowed is beyond comprehension. In the summer bicycles are not allowed on the walk, yet they are not nearly so dangerous as the handsleds and "hobs" which compel pedestrians to get out into the snow when the boys yell "track."—Eldred Eagle. Many a tumble has been caused by the above nuisance.

—Chinaware, Household Goods and Cabinet Heaters are being exhibited by L. Kasser, Jr., & Co., in their advertisement this week. Four cars this popular Bradford firm have sold the same make of goods in these lines, which is a fine guarantee of their worth. Read their advertisement carefully and when in Bradford call on them.

—Car Inspector David O. Martin, in the employ of the W. N. Y. & P. R'y at Olean, was found dead and horribly mangled along the tracks in the yards at that place about 12 o'clock last Saturday night. He was aged about 51 years. It is supposed that he was struck by a car, as half an hour before he was discovered he had reported at the office.

—Potter county commissioners are making strenuous efforts to secure a poor house. The MINER earnestly hopes that they may succeed. While the writer was a member of Potter's board of commissioners, in 1883 the matter was placed before the people but it was voted down. It is hoped the people have seen their error and will vote for it this time.

—The dance given by the young people at the hose house Tuesday night was one of the most enjoyable affairs of that character given here in a long time. The hall was tastily decorated, and elegantly dressed feminine beauties danced with well groomed men to the inspiring music of Klingensmith's orchestra of Bradford. An excellent lunch was served at the Grand Central.

—As an instance of English as it is spoken (and written) in Italy, the following is given: "The attention of English-speaking visitors to the Milan Cathedral is readily attracted by the following notice which appears over an alms-box: 'Apiele to Charitnbles. The Brothers, so called, of Mercy ask slender arms for the Hospital. They harbor all kinds of diseases, and have no respect to religion.'"

—In a short time the MINER will commence the publication of "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong," by Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps; What Would Jesus Do?" the closing chapters of which were printed in this paper a few weeks ago. When the first chapters of the new story come out show them to your neighbor and urge them to read it. This story should be read by every home in the land.

—Mrs. George Dunbar of Hattiesburg, Miss., died at that place on Monday of last week. The remains were brought to Enfield where the funeral was held on Thursday. The deceased was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Slack of Enfield township and was 31 years of age at the time of her demise. She was a lady of most excellent character and highly esteemed by all who were so fortunate as to possess her acquaintance.

—It will be gratifying news to the friends of Melvile M. Gillette to learn that he has received the appointment as aide-de-camp with the rank of colonel, on the staff of Governor-elect Nash of Ohio. Mr. Gillette was at the time of his appointment, secretary of the Newark Natural Gas Co.—Olean Times. The MINER desires to tender congratulations and is pleased to note that Mr. Gillette's ability is being recognized in the Buckeye state.

—A young man in this borough who is famous for his ready wit, recently sprung the following on one of our citizens: "Mr. ——, do you know where I could borrow ten dollars on good security?" "Why," replied the gentleman, "I guess I could let you have it if the security is good." "Thank you," said the young man, "now will you tell me where I can get the security?" The gentleman handed the applicant the $10 without another word.

—Last week a young lady in Winchester, Ky., was joined in wedlock by telegraph to her lover 1,700 miles away at Fort Wingate, N. M. But it required two preachers and several telegraph operators to successfully perform the job. This new fangled way may be less embarrassing, but we are inclined to the belief that it would be much pleasanter to have the young lady stand close to one's side, even if it does cause a tinge of red to mantle the cheek or make it turn pale.

—Next Monday County Commissioners W. A. Young and Lemuel Davis will retire and A. M. Boardman and Albert Peterson will take their places. The old board of county auditors will retire to be superceded by A. L. Gallup, J. L. Ward and Frank McKeown. The prothonotary and recorder's offices it is presumed will continue as they are. In the sheriff's office it will be just change partners. The MINER wishes them all a happy New Year and hopes that they may have a prosperous term.

—We are sorry to learn that Attorney W. L. Lillibridge, late of the Reporter, has engaged rooms at Coudersport, and with the advent of the New Year, will open there an office for the practice of law. Mr. Lillibridge is thoroughly posted in his profession, and is one of those energetic fellows who is bound to succeed where ever he may be and in any profession he may choose. We regret to lose him as a neighbor and old-time friend and cheerfully commend him to the good people of Coudersport and vicinity, realizing that our loss is their gain.—Port Allegany Press.

—Last Sunday evening, although a regular blizzard was raging, St. Luke's church was well filled, almost every pew being occupied. The senior and junior choirs were combined—25 of the seniors and 24 of the junior members—and the edifice fairly trembled with their rich and powerful voices. Rev. McCandless delivered an interesting address to the children. The juniors sang several carols which were well rendered. Then came the musical treat of the evening, and the audience at St. Luke's never listened to anything finer than the oratorio "Nazareth" by Gounod.

—The Grand Master of Masons has issued a circular letter to all lodges in the state, requesting the officers and members to attend church in a body on the last day of the year, for the purpose of honoring and commemorating the memory of Geo. Washington. In accordance with his request the members of Olean Lodge, No. 352, will attend St. Stephen's church Sunday evening, Dec. 31st, the rector, Dr. Ashton, having kindly consented to preach a sermon suitable to the occasion.—Olean Times. It being Sunday it would be a grand idea for all the members of McKean Lodge, No. 388, to attend in a body at some of our churches to honor the memory of our first illustrious president.

—There is an effort afoot to oust T. H. Ryan from the superintendency of the poor farm at Smethport, by those who look upon the position with envy. Mr. Ryan has been in charge there for four or five years now and has given general satisfaction. With experience must of necessity come utility and ability. There is no man who understands the business better and there is no reason why he shouldn't be continued there. The business so far as he is concerned has been conducted in the best interests of the taxpayers, and could the taxpayers have their say, they would retain him. Don't oust a good man from so important a position simply because some other fellow, less qualified, wants it. Keep Ryan in another year.—Port Allegany Reporter.

—The MINER is pleased to announce that as soon as the [illegible] Messrs. Sanford, Jr. & Co. in their advertisement this week. Four cars this popular Bradford firm have sold the same make of goods in these lines, which is a fine guarantee of their worth. Read their advertisement carefully and when in Bradford call on them.

—At the last term of criminal court in Potter county one witness in a liquor case was convicted of perjury. If the court would give the convicted man a good long sentence it would have more effect in breaking up the pig's ear business in that county than anything that has been attempted heretofore. The pig's ear parties have always relied upon their patrons to perjure themselves in order to allow the pig's ear men to escape. And those witnesses proved willing tools, for they well knew that if they gave true evidence against the pig's ears the talesmanic word would be passed around and he would be barred from every liquor hole of that kind in the county.

—Mrs. Flora Hogarth and Miss Lena Wright entertained about thirty-five of their friends at the Wright House Wednesday afternoon and evening. Each guest was requested to bring her thimble and the time before tea was passed in the making and comparing of kinds of fancy work. Delicious refreshments were served, both these ladies excelling in the culinary art as well as in the finer art of serving viands both tastily and daintily. Favors were found at the plate of each guest in the shape of pretty needlebooks of silk and ribbon. The decoration was very effective, the Christmas holly predominating. All the ladies protested themselves charmed with their delightful afternoon and evening.

Services at the M. E. Church.
WATCH NIGHT SERVICE.

Next Sunday, Dec. 31st, commencing at 8 p. m., there will be held a watch night service. The pastor, Dr. Walker, will preach at 8 p. m., the sermon to be followed by a special consecration service. At 10:30 p. m. the Rev. Mr. Ware of the Baptist church will preach, the sermon to be followed by a service of sacred song and Christian conference. In the morning at 9:30 there will be held a New Year's love feast to which the whole church is invited. At 10:30 a brief address by the pastor followed by the administration of the Lord's supper.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The week of prayer will be observed by union prayer services, the Baptist and Methodist churches uniting. Rev. T. D. Ware and Rev. Dr. Walker will conduct the services alternately during the week. The services will be held in the Methodist church beginning Monday evening beginning at 7:30 p. m. The general public is most cordially invited to attend.

The Firemen Paid.

The following letter from M. L. Armstrong to Bert McAllister, chief of Bradford fire department, speaks for itself:

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 23, 1899.
B. McAllister, Esq., Chief Bradford Fire Department:

Dear Comrade—Enclosed please find money order for $50. Please keep $10 for yourself and give each man who came over with you $5, and please accept kindest regards and well wishes of Smethport Hose company. This money is not out of hose company funds but the hose boys took it up and we raised the money and Smethport borough officials did not assist us and if we meet them in the other world they may be glad to have the hose turned on them. Hoping you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year,

I am very truly,
M. L. ARMSTRONG,
Committee for Smethport Hose Co.

P. S.—Please acknowledge receipt from Smethport Hose Company so we can rub it into comelia.

Santa Claus.

Santa Claus spent an hour under a beautiful Christmas tree at the Methodist church last Saturday evening, Dec. 23. He listened to bright recitations, responsive reading and beautiful music. He had a crowded house, a number being unable to find seats. He was so well pleased with the bright children that he gave to each a present, sweetening all with a package of candy. He appeared to fully appreciate the prosperity of the school under the faithful superintendency of Prof. W. P. Eckels and his faithful assistants. The school is growing rapidly with the rapid growth of the village.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50 cent bottle of Downs' Elixir if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough or throat trouble. We also guarantee Downs' Elixir to cure constipation, when used according to directions, or money back. A full dose on going to bed and small doses during the day will cure the most severe cold, and stop the most distressing cough.

L. K. HOGARTH & Co.
H. C. WELLS.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

In accordance with an old established custom the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Ry. will, this year, issue excursion tickets between all stations on its line, account Christmas and New Year's holidays, at a fare and one-third for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900, limited for return passage until Jan. 2, 1900.

W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Holiday Rates.

For the convenience of the traveling public excursion rates will be made to points on W. N. Y. & P. Ry. Tickets sold Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1899, and Jan. 1, 1900; good for return passage to Jan. 2, 1900, inclusive. Call on agents for particulars.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago I persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25 cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some one similarly afflicted may read it and be benefitted.—Thomas C. Boyer, Glencoe, O. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. It cures at once. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

For Sale.

The Sprague brick building at corner of Main and Fulton streets. Inquire of W. D. Gallup or write Mrs. Emma J. Sprague, Buffalo, N. Y.

For Hoarseness.

Benj. Ingerson of Hutton, Ind., says he had not spoken above a whisper for months, and one bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice. It is used very largely by speakers and singers. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

LIGHT WT—but go to Holmes & Gilfillan's for your lights, marbles and glass. Best and cheapest.

WANTED—At the Grand Central, Smethport, Pa., a girl who can do second work or dining room work.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Minnie Dennis is home for the holidays.

Mr. Harrison arrived home from college Friday.

Mrs. F. N. Kerns will visit Buffalo friends on Saturday.

Misses Helen and Ruth Forrest are home for the holidays.

David Schlieff of Clermont visited friends in town Tuesday.

Miss Nellie Musser is spending the holidays with her mother.

Miss Nettie Hamlin is spending the holiday vacation in town.

Geoffrey Mayo is home with his parents until after New Years.

Mr. and Mrs. Warley Gifford of Bradford spent Sunday in town.

F. M. Windsor of Bertville transacted business in town yesterday.

Bert Shook and D. M. Brasted transacted business in Bradford to-day.

Wm. H. Walker of New York left town yesterday for Covington, Ky.

Leon Walters arrived home from Manistee, Mich., Friday for the holidays.

O. J. Hamlin returned on Tuesday night from an extended visit in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Thamm spent Sunday with relatives in Ridgway.

Jas. Flannigan of Bradford attended the hop at the hose house Tuesday night.

County Commissioner-elect A. M. Boardman visited Derrick City last Tuesday.

"Judge" J. R. Haughney came up from Eldred for breakfast yesterday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Peters came up from Buffalo last Saturday, returning home to-day.

Misses Ella and Edna Walker of New City were guests of Miss Edna Church yesterday.

R. H. Dantley of Corydon was a most welcome caller at the MINER office yesterday.

Miss Martha Brennan, who is a student at Fredonia, is home during the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colvin of Cuba, N. Y., were visiting friends in town over Christmas.

F. H. Warren of Buffalo arrived in town Tuesday night and is the guest of Orlo J. Hamlin.

Justice Ed Carpenter of Larabee and John McCary of Turtlepoint were visitors in town last Friday.

W. G. Shoemaker arrived from Buffalo on Saturday night to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. F. D. Dignon and son, Sidney, of New York will spend the winter with her brother, H. G. Phelps.

Mrs. W. J. Voorhees and children of Olean were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Bush on Christmas.

Miss Ethel Orford, who attends school at Fredonia, returned home Saturday night for the holiday vacation.

F. G. Lindholm departed yesterday morning for Jamestown where he will spend some time for his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Chadwick have been guests of Larry Sheehan and wife in Ridgway for the past week.

The veteran soldier L. B. Prosser of East Bradford was a most agreeable caller at this office last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. John Dodds Flagg returned home yesterday after a week's visit at the M. E. church parsonage on King street.

R. K. Goulding, local editor of the Kane Republican, was a most welcome caller at this office while in town on Friday last.

S. R. Dresser, D.D.G.M., of Bradford, was in town last night and installed the officers elect of McKean Lodge, No. 388, F. & A. M.

C. S. King, E. P. Dalrymple, M. T. Sturtz, H. N. Rose, C. W. Cathn and N. R. Bard of Port Allegany transacted business in town yesterday.

John Meisel and Patrick Gaynor of Clermont were in town on business Tuesday. Mr. Meisel was an agreeable caller at the MINER office while here.

Edward A. Lemmler of Angola, N. Y., and Miss Ada Lemmler of Eldred were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lemmler of Church street on Wednesday.

On Saturday Dr. F. R. Young returned from a visit at Buffalo, accompanied by Ned Newman who will spend the holidays here, the guest of D. C. Young.

Samuel H. Glassmire of Coudersport was in town Tuesday night and participated in the dance at the hose house. He was a pleasant caller at this office yesterday.

Sam'l Barnes of Hazelhurst was a welcome caller at this office yesterday morning. Would that all our subscribers were as anxious as Mr. Barnes to get a receipt in advance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Gillette arrived Saturday from Newark, Ohio, to spend Christmas with relatives in town. Mr. Gillette was a most agreeable caller at this office to-day.

Attorney G. W. Jode of Jamestown, N. Y., was a guest of A. M. Boardman and family during the holidays. Tuesday he was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Baldwin of Austin were guests of Mrs. Baldwin's mother over Christmas. Mr. Baldwin was a pleasant caller at this office, in company with Leon Wolters.

H. B. Scholl, the hustling business representative of the Pittsburg Arts Association, who has been stopping at East Smethport, spent Christmas at his home in Allegany, N. Y., returning on Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Hanley and daughter, Miss Marie, departed for Pittsburg Friday, to join Maurice Hanley who has secured a good position there. The MINER wishes them happiness and prosperity and will visit them weekly in their new home.

Mrs. J. Smith, daughter, and Miss Armstrong, one of the borough school teachers, left last evening for Smethport where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bush.—Kane Republican, Saturday.

WASHINGTON.

Special Low-Rate Excursions via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on December 23, February 21, March 15, and April 7 it will run special excursions from points on the Philadelphia and Erie railroad, Erie to Lock Haven, inclusive, to Washington, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the national capital. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of $10 from Erie, St. Marys and intermediate points; $8.95 from Driftwood; $8.15 from Renovo; $7.30 from Lock Haven; and proportionate rates from other points.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase, at the Pennsylvania railroad ticket offices to Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond at rate of $4.00 and to Old Point Comfort (all rail) at $6.00; from the pursers of the Norfolk and Washington steamboat company, excursion tickets (not including meals and state-rooms on steamers) to Old Point Comfort or Norfolk, Va., at $3.50 and to Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at $4.50; and at the offices of the Washington, Alexandria and Mt. Vernon electric railway company, excursion tickets to Mt. Vernon and return at rate of 50 cents.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.

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The first indication of croup is hoarseness, and in a child subject to that disease it may be taken as a sure sign of the approach of an attack. Following this hoarseness is a peculiar rough cough. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. It is used to many thousands of homes in this broad land and never disappoints the anxious mothers. We have yet to learn of a single instance in which it has not proved effectual. No other preparation can show such a record—twenty-five years' constant use without a failure. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Gleason's photo buttons are the rage. Call at the gallery.

Photo buttons 25c at the [illegible]

For The Holidays.

Just Received

An exquisite line of Neckwear, Shirts, Hosiery, Underwear, Hats. A full assortment of Dent's and Fourie's celebrated dress and walking gloves. Also an immense line of fine and medium grade umbrellas for ladies and gentlemen. We call special attention to our beautiful stock of children's Reefers, Blouse Suits and Top O'Coats.

All new goods. Prices the lowest.

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I have just moved into my new store in the Callar Block and am now better prepared to display my stock of holiday goods than ever before.

My stock includes

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and in fact everything to be found in a first-class jewelry store.

All goods guaranteed just as represented.

Mrs. E. G. Carter,
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Is a model of neatness and the means to be found here for getting out good work were never before known in Smethport.

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Is presided over by men of ability and experience. Bring your horse here. A thorough knowledge of horses' feet enables us to do horseshoeing in a scientific manner.

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Bargains in Odds and Ends.

You can't afford to miss this sale

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Having purchased our pictures direct and buying the quantity we received them at jobbers prices. Call and price them.

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We have added a line of sterling and plated ware this fall and can quote prices as cheap as you can buy in the cities.

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I have started a Wagon and Carriage Shop in S. Sartwell's building on State street and am prepared to do all kinds of wagon and carriage painting and repairing. Will also furnish the finest of new work. I am well-known to the people of Smethport and the rest is to risk when entrusting me with their work. I have had 20 years experience and invite comparison.
John Servatius, - Smethport, Pa.

Some Lines of Cooper.

The sky is low, the day is dreary,
The wind is cold and chilly, too,
The thermometer is old,
While dwelling down with frost bound nature,
Behind the mercurial bulb.

Still o'er his native sward the bison
Tread like the Hatter's ark,
The antlers fall from annual crown
Right o'er from shore till dark.

The sleeping bear's contented form,
Within doors up table and dine,
And under a shroud of shower
Is said his dormant grim.

Polish Polish, Hatter's point, But's corn,
And there roamed Connell rock,
Round which Cooper wove
The poems of Chingachgook.

Each mile to think about thrilling part
Of leather-stocking tales—
Old times that still will touch the heart
When Cooper's story hails.
—Frank Farrington in New York Sun.

THE JOSSLYN REUNION

Showing How Impossible It Was to Be a Josslyn and Possess the Josslyn Chins.

BY HARRIET GAETZ COX.

"Yes, I have heard of the reunion, but I can't say that I feel called upon to go," Elmira remarked as she let the printed slip fall into her lap. "I never felt very proud of the Josslyn blood anyway. Mother would stick it into my veins, but I must say the folks I've been hearing that name weren't anything very remarkable. And now there'll be a whole gang of them—a whole gang of Josslyns." She sniffed unerringly. "No, I really don't feel called upon to go to their old reunion," she repeated decisively.

"I don't suppose you do," Amelia agreed. "Of course there wouldn't be anybody you ever knew or would want to know. It ain't as if it were father's family."

Elmira wound her head proudly. "I should say not," she answered emphatically. "Why, there are governors and senators and lawyers and—and everything in grandfather's ancestors."

"They might have some among all the Josslyns," Amelia suggested; "perhaps just a senator or something in some branch of the family."

Elmira shook her head decisively. "Do you remember Great-aunt Sarah," she demanded, "and Uncle Job and—and the apple tree?" This she spoke in a whisper.

Amelia nodded.

"And did you ever see such a lot of nobodies in all your life as you used to see at the funerals and weddings? You felt as if you'd got to apologize to your neighbors for them. Ancestors, indeed! You mightn't try to tell me they ever had any ancestors at all, any of them."

She took up the paper and glanced it through again.

"It is proposed to gather together all the genealogical lore and traditions, to separate tradition from fact and finally to publish a book in which shall be a complete history of the Josslyn family from Adam to the present generation. To do this it is necessary that all the members of the family be represented, and it is earnestly requested that, as far as possible, all persons in whom there may drop of the Josslyn blood gather at the reunion and contribute their share to the fund of information."

"I suppose I might go," she said thoughtfully after a few moments' pause. "Of course I'm not called upon to, but it wouldn't hurt me any, and I might find it kind of interesting just to look on."

She looked inquiringly at her sister.

"I would if I were you," Amelia replied promptly. "I'd go if I had the chance. It's a dreadful thing to be so lonely." She sighed dismally.

"I s'pose you'd like to hear about it," Elmira remarked. "I might go on your account, so as to amuse you talking about it afterward. It mightn't be so very bad, because I'm not very much Josslyn, you know. They always said I favored father's side, anyhow. The Josslyns were all dark, and grandmother used to say he didn't believe I'd a drop of Josslyn blood in me at all. Ross got it all, Amelia. You ought to, be the one to go; but, seeing you can't, I s'pose I will. You'll be glad to have me, won't you, Amelia?"

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Amelia sat by the little side window and peered anxiously out. The train had come some time ago. She had heard its whistle and seen long puffs of smoke over the marshes, and she knew it ought to be time for her sister to appear.

"I never knew her to be so long coming before," she murmured fretfully to herself. "Maybe she's stopped at Smith's to get some eggs. I hope she hasn't, because Sarah brought some only just after she went away."

There was a sudden peal at the front doorbell.

Amelia rose and bobbled to the door. "My hand!" she exclaimed as Elmira's face confronted her. Then she dropped her voice as she saw a strange man by her sister's side.

"I forgot my latchkey, you know," Elmira said airily, "or I wouldn't have troubled you, Amelia. This is our cousin, Bradford Josslyn. He's come out to see the Josslyn china and has got to go back on the next train, so we'll have to hurry. You take him into the sitting room while I go and get it. We have to be very careful of it, you know, because we think so much of it," she explained to the stranger as she departed toward the attic.

Amelia led the way silently to the sitting room. The parlor was cold. Elizabeth had evidently reasoned that out, and then, too, the dining room was the best place to show china of course. But just what was the china?

These she reasoned as she passed through the long hall and ushered the man into the old fashioned dining room.

"You are very fortunate in having so much beautiful old furniture," their guest remarked. "In so many families it gets scattered, but you seem to have a piece of it here, and the china, if it is the china"—

He stopped. Elmira was fumbling at the doorknob. She entered proudly and walked across to the table, where she deposited her burden. There were a pitcher, some cups and a platter, with a dull red pattern running over them.

"It is!" he cried excitingly.

"Of course!" Elmira asserted carelessly. "I knew it as soon as the paper told about it and wanted to find the other pieces. There are more up stairs, but this is all I could bring at once."

There was some more conversation and a search in the family Bible, and the man departed.